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Death of John W. Waters.

The above named gentleman, who has been living near this city since 1858, died at his home Sunday morning and his remains were interred in the old cemetery in this city Monday morning.

Mr. Waters was born in Lexington, S. C., in 1835. Soon after coming to Ocala the civil war was declared and he immediately enlisted in Capt. S. D. McConnell's company that was raised here and fought through that desperate conflict in the army of Tennessee under General Bullock. He was a faithful soldier. After the declaration of peace Mr. Waters returned to his plantation near this city where he has been living a quiet life ever since.

He was taken sick on the 15th of February last and has been confined to his bed continuously since that time. He leaves two brothers and two sisters and a large circle of friends to mourn his death.

Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 55 pounds." It is absolutely guaranteed to cure colds, coughs, la grippe, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Anti-Monopoly Drug Store.

Escaped the Gallows and Got a Bride.

Manuel Chavez, who was acquitted Friday morning of the murder of Charles J. Allen, at Tampa, was married Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock to Mrs. Agnes Merck, Mrs. Allen's sister. Chavez was acquitted largely upon the testimony of the two sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Chavez left at once for the Pacific coast where they will spend the next six months.

Off for the Grand Lodge.

Messrs. E. P. Thagard, E. W. Davis and Dr. J. E. Chace, representatives from the Ocala lodge; Hon. H. W. Long, past grand master, and ex-Editor C. Y. Miller, of the St. Johns lodge; Mr. F. J. Titcomb, deputy grand master and Dr. J. W. Castell, of the Dunnellon lodge; Messrs. Alfred Proctor and T. C. Hall, of the Belleview lodge, and Mr. John T. Lewis, of the Morning Star lodge at Moss Bluff, left Monday for Jacksonville, where they will attend the session of the Grand Lodge of Masons for the state of Florida, which exalted body convenes in that city today. During their stay in Jacksonville they will be domiciled at the Windsor Hotel. Dr. Castell was accompanied by his wife and son.

A Fireman's Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak sickly run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by the Anti-Monopoly Drug Store. Price 50 cents.

...WON BY PLUCK AND DARING

December 30, 1862

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FORREST, the king of raiders, the prince of fighters, could be beaten. This shows that he was only mortal and adds glory to his innumerable brilliant exploits. He was squarely beaten at Parker's Crossroads, Tenn., the 30th of December, 1862.

During the last two weeks of December Forrest had raided the line of the Mississippi Central railroad in the rear of Grant's army operating against Vicksburg and contributed to the defeat of the Federal campaign. There were swarms of Federals in west Tennessee at the time, but so swift had Forrest moved from point to point that his enemy failed to bring him to battle until he was about to return whence he came, east of Tennessee river.

Forrest's column was mounted, but its speed was regulated by a long train of wagons laden with the spoils of the raid. In order to reach the river crossing near Lexington the raiders must pass Parker's Crossroads, which happened to be only five miles from the camp of Colonel Cyrus L. Dunham, a Federal officer who had been sent into the region with an advance guard of 1,500 men to watch Forrest and bring him to bay.

Dunham's men had marched and counter-marched in search of Forrest since the beginning of the raid and were travel worn, but under the hope of at last trapping the foxy raider they had made their last stretch of twelve miles in three hours. During the night Dunham's scouts brought word that Forrest was making for the crossroads and was but a few miles away. He telegraphed word to his superior that he would "coax or force a fight out of Forrest in the morning" and hurried his pickets out on the road in Forrest's pathway.

Early in the morning Forrest's advance rode up in detached parties and was met on every hand by Dunham's wary vedettes. Dunham pushed the skirmish fight with great vigor. The raiders at the front drew back to await the main body. The encounter was a complete surprise to the troopers, for during two weeks the enemy had failed to force or coax a fight, and Forrest's men believed they didn't want to.

While his pickets were skirmishing Dunham formed his line on a ridge covering the crossroads and the approaches from Forrest's position. There was no way out of the trap for Forrest except to smash Dunham. This the raider tried to do with artillery, his soldiers and the train meanwhile attempting to pass around the Federals by the flank. Dunham ordered his own battery to return the fire and also to shell the escaping column, but the Federals were short of artillery ammunition and could only keep two pieces in action.

The Confederate artillery fire was severe upon Dunham's line—just what Forrest wanted—but instead of retreating from the ridge Dunham ordered a charge upon the hostile guns. At that moment Colonel Napier's Confederate battalion charged Dunham's front, and Forrest led three regiments around the hill to attack the Federal rear. Dunham's men were facing Napier's, but his two guns were doing some execution in that direction, and he faced his line about, rushing at Forrest's cavalry with bayonets. The Confederate troopers backed off from the cold steel, and Napier's men, seeing the confusion in the force led by their chief, thought the day was lost and also retreated, leaving their artillery between the lines. Dunham's sharpshooters had cut down the horses of the caissons and cannon, and the raiders could not save them.

But the battle was not over; Dunham's danger had increased in spite of the repulse of Forrest on the crown of the ridge. The flank march of the cavalry had cut Dunham off from his base and the supports he looked for to come in response to his message that he would fight Forrest at Parker's Crossroads. The nearest supports left their camp many hours' march away, at the time the fight began, and consisted of two regiments, the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-ninth Ohio, led by Colonel J. W. Fuller.

When Fuller got within sound of the guns, he was overtaken by a message from his chief ordering a halt. At the same time an aid rode back from the direction of Dunham's battlefield with the news that Forrest held the road, cutting off the re-enforcements from Dunham, who was fighting against odds. Fuller marched on to the help of Dunham. Meanwhile the situation had become critical for Dunham, while even Forrest's fortunes rested on the turn of a hand. Dunham held the ridge, but having no ammunition for his guns could not control the road nor keep Forrest at a distance. In fact he was as good as surrounded. Forrest rallied his discomfited troopers and attempted his favorite game of bluffing the enemy. One of his aids sought out Colonel Dunham and said, "General Forrest understands that you have surrendered."

"The general is mistaken," responded the dauntless Hoosier colonel. "We have never thought of surrendering."

The aid rode away to report to Forrest, then came back with a new tune. Said he, "General Forrest demands an unconditional surrender."

Colonel Dunham replied: "Give my compliments to the general and tell

him that I never surrender. If he thinks he can take me, let him try it on."

At that moment Forrest had Dunham hemmed in on three sides with a superior force, but Colonel Fuller, with two regiments, was on the outside of Forrest.

The new force coming up on the Huntington road was sighted by Forrest's scouts and the fact reported to the chief, who rode forward expecting to meet a battalion of his own troops which had been left back upon that road. He was met by a stinging fire delivered on the rear of his position and, believing that it was a mistake, dashed forward into Fuller's lines. Fuller's attack was a complete surprise and stampeded the horses of the dismounted raiders in rear of the fighting line. The artillery horses were also cut down. The first volley of the Twenty-seventh Ohio unhorsed several troopers of Forrest's bodyguard, and his adjutant general was captured. Forrest literally ran away from his comrades. Being discovered and halted by a Federal officer, he answered the demand to surrender by coolly saying, "I have done so some time ago and am collecting my command to surrender in due form." This ruse saved him.

Fuller's men captured 500 horses of Forrest's and retook one gun and a wagon train which Forrest had captured from Dunham early in the fight. Fuller also captured 500 of Forrest's troopers, three of his guns and eight caissons.

Forrest promptly ordered a retreat as soon as he got back to his lines. In his report he tells how Dunham fought him for five hours and also declares that thirty minutes more with Dunham alone would have given him the fight, which was true. Dunham was in hard straits. His men could do no more than stand and see themselves hemmed in by Forrest. However, they fought like heroes, spurring the idea of surrender. The men of the battery, when their ammunition had been used up on the enemy, fought in the ranks of the infantry with any weapons at hand.

Forrest's friendly biographers claim that their hero was outnumbered by Dunham alone, yet the same authorities state that Dunham was hemmed in and fought desperately for five hours. Soldiers who fight so long and well do not permit themselves to be hemmed in by an inferior force. Forrest's force is placed officially by Confederates at 1,800 men, comprised in four regiments, three battalions and two batteries. Dunham had in the field 1,500 men and one battery only partly engaged, and that only for a short time.

Forrest usually swept everything before him, but he seldom found a Dunham and a Fuller on his track. Like Stonewall Jackson, he dodged a fight.



against superior numbers and would have dodged Dunham at Parker's Crossroads but for the heavy wagon train, which was a dead weight on the movements of his mounted column. While racing with Dunham and Fuller for the crossroads he lost a day in getting his train over broken bridges and bad roads, but it was part of his game to get the train, with all its valuables, out of west Tennessee; otherwise that important feature of the raid would have been a failure.

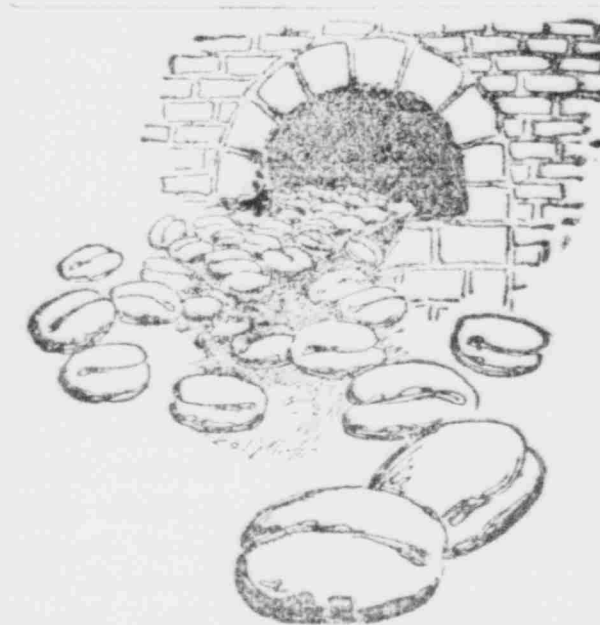
Fuller's boldness in disobeying the command of his chief when ordered to halt was the turning point of the day. His men, with the rest of the Federal army in west Tennessee, had been on a useless chase after the raiders for two weeks. At last Forrest was come up with, and the chance for a fight to a finish was too good to be lost. He marched to the point of danger, to the help of his colleague. That march spoiled Forrest's victory at Parker's Crossroads and lessened the military glory of his great raid behind Grant.

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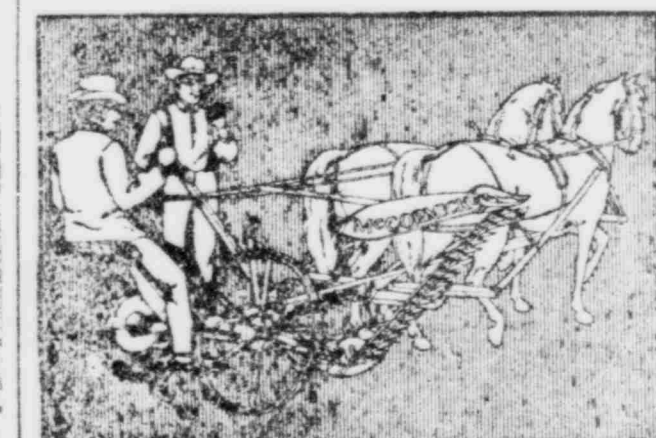
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